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Musical Art Debuts at Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

Sun Boxes to Sound the Right Note for Park-Goers

ST. LEONARD – In a melodic intersection of art and nature, an installation of sun boxes that play synthesized chords will be displayed at [Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum](#) May 1-3. The boxes emit a series of striking, haunting chords attuned to the position of the sun.

The sun boxes amplify sound through 20 speakers to be set throughout a field at JPPM. The sounds, mellow tones akin to chimes, create an artistic interpretation of the elements. Public art contributes to a sense of place and enriches the user experience, particularly in a park with JPPM's visual beauty. Listen to a [sampling](#).

"While we focus primarily on history and archaeology at JPPM, our 560 acres on the shores of the Patuxent are our greatest asset," said JPPM Executive Director Mark Thompson. "By introducing Sun Boxes into our environment, we hope people will see, feel and experience the landscape in a whole new way."

Each sun box, designed and installed by artist [Craig Colorusso](#), contains a circuit board with a pre-recorded guitar note. With enough solar power, the boxes play a continuous Bb 6 chord. While sound pitch and duration is fixed, volume fluctuates based on solar rays. Thus, the music varies depending on the position of sun and clouds and the shadows of the spectators.

Sun Boxes have been installed in 46 cities in 19 states, all temporary exhibits, Colorusso said.

On Saturday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., JPPM will host Colorusso, who will answer questions and talk about the installation. JPPM will offer yoga classes, local craft and art vendors, and children's activities. Perigeaux Vineyards and Winery will offer wine for tastings and sale.

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum is a program of the Maryland Historical Trust, a division of the Maryland Department of Planning. It is located on 560 scenic acres along the Patuxent River and St. Leonard Creek in St. Leonard, Calvert County.

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